



TOWN OF NATICK Meeting Agenda

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Safety Committee

Natick Police Department Date: January 30, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
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Tuesday Jan 30, 2024 · 10am – 12pm (Eastern Time - New York)

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APPROVE MINUTES January 23, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

Walnut/Bacon/Chestnut Street intersection.

TABLE Town Engineer Bill McDowell provided an update and memo from Eversource Gas on status of the project he will keep Safety Committee apprised of the status. (memo attached)

Resident request for a street light on the circle near 15 Bunker Lane. **TABLE** pending answer from Eversource on viable options.

Request to address multiple Upland Road street names. **TABLE** pending Community Meeting for residents of Upland on the south side of Route 9.

Resident Request to address serious concern with cars turning right on red onto 135 at Washington
TABLE pending Ocean State Signal possibility for No Turn of Red arrow activated on overhead traffic signal light and DPW re-design of intersection.

Resident Request to re-evaluate adding a crosswalk at North Pleasant as well as address obstructed view at 22 North Pleasant Street. **TABLE** pending Dave Gusmini and Sgt Lacerra site visit to speak to homeowner.

Resident Request the following to address traffic and speeding concerns on Walnut Street

- Make the following intersections 3 Way Stops
 - *Walnut Street at Roundwood Road

*Walnut Street at Carlisle Terrace

*Walnut Street at North Avenue

- Make the following intersection a 4 Way Stop

*Walnut Street at Shattuck Street

- Prohibit all commercial vehicles over 2 ½ tons on the section of Walnut Street between Bacon Street and Route 9 East.
- Post 25 MPH signs each direction on the section of Walnut Street between Route 9 East and Carlisle Terrace
- Reduce speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH on stretch of Walnut Street between North Ave and Bacon Street
- Consider other traffic calming measures including permanent digital speed signs, flashing signs at crosswalks, speed bumps etc.

Committee VOTED to TABLE pending petitioner available to attend meeting.

Request to pedestrian activated flashing lights at the crosswalk in front of the Bacon Free Library on Eliot Street. TABLE pending further review by DPW and DC Lauzon will meet to look at complexity of project and bring back to the committee.

Resident Request to address excess speed on Woodland Street which is highly travelled and very narrow. TABLE pending DPW work to remove vegetation and improve site lines as well as Natick Police Department Safety Division enforcement and volume count analysis.

Resident Request to add a "RIGHT OF WAY" sign at eastbound side of Hartford Street at the intersection of Bishop Street TABLE pending site visit, John Westerling, Engineering Division, DC Lauzon and Joe Weiss to evaluate for solutions. Natick Police Department Traffic Division to provide crash data for analysis.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natick Public Schools Request to erect a sign in the front loop of Natick High School on the left side of the driveway the reads: (Attachment 1)

NO LEFT TURN
SCHOOL DAYS
7:15 – 7:45 AM
2:15 – 2:45 PM

Resident request for STOP Signs at the intersections of Mercer Road at Dean Road and Strathmore Road at Mercer Road. (Attachment 2)

Residents request to address the speed of motorists on the Sherborn end of Speen Street. (Attachment 3)



Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Fwd: Right turn only sign

1 message

Galvin, Zachary <zagalvin@natickps.org>

To: "Watkins, Marylee" <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Cc: Josepha Blocker <jblocker@natickps.org>, James O'Shaughnessy <joshaughnessy@natickps.org>

Mon, Dec 11, 2023 at 1:41 PM

Hi Marylee!

I am writing to ask that you put on the next Safety Committee Agenda the request to put a sign into the ground at the end of the Natick High School Front loop/Driveway, on the left side of the driveway that reads:

NO LEFT
TURN
School Days
7:15 - 7:45AM
2:15 - 2:45PM

Thank you for your help. Please let me know when next that group meets. Thank you.

~ Zach

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Brian Lauzon** <lauzon@natickpolice.com>

Date: Mon, Dec 11, 2023 at 12:52 PM

Subject: Re: Right turn only sign

To: Galvin, Zachary <zagalvin@natickps.org>

Attachment 1

I would say yes, replace it with the bucket for now. Someone will then need to send an agenda item to Marylee so that it can be put on the next Safety Committee agenda.

On Mon, Dec 11, 2023 at 12:29 PM Galvin, Zachary <zagalvin@natickps.org> wrote:

Thanks for that answer Brian L.

1. Does that mean that the only thing we can do presently, is replace the temporary sign in the cement bucket?
2. If the answer to 1. is YES, then we will run as we have to until we can get the Select Board's attention to make the recommendation. How does one go about doing that? Thank you.

~ Mr. Galvin

On Mon, Dec 11, 2023 at 12:20 PM Brian Lauzon <lauzon@natickpolice.com> wrote:
All,

I responded to SRO O'Shaughnessy's email this morning. If it is our intent to enforce this restriction the Select Board would need to approve it. That being said, if that is the route to be taken, it would need to come back to the Select Board as the only recommendation was to do a temporary study.

Brian



Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Re: Online Form Submittal: General Contact Form

2 messages

Chief James Hicks <hicks@natickpolice.com>

Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 11:30 AM

To: Jay Poropatich <jporopatich@natickma.org>

Cc: Brian Lauzon <lauzon@natickpolice.com>, MaryLee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Jay,

This can be a Safety Committee Item. We will respond.

On Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 2:33 PM Jay Poropatich <jporopatich@natickma.org> wrote:

Hi!

I'm forwarding this resident request / call-out for a stop sign.

I don't see a need to reply... unless there's a formal process, then please let me know (or reply directly to the resident)

Thanks!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <noreply@civicplus.com>

Date: Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 1:38 PM

Subject: Online Form Submittal: General Contact Form

To: <jporopatich@natickma.org>

General Contact Form

Department	Police Department, Registrar
Name	John Lu
Email	
Subject	Stop Signs
Message	Dear Sir, With the increase of business, the traffic in the area around Mercer Road and Strathmore Road increased dramatically, stop signs at the intersection of Mercer Road and Dean Road, and Strathmore Road and Mercer Road are needed. Thank you very much for your consideration. Sincerely yours

Attachment 2

James G. Hicks



Brian Lauzon <lauzon@natickpolice.com>

Fwd: Natick Resident - Speen Speed Issues

3 messages

Lynn Kelly <lkelly@natickma.org>

Mon, Jan 22, 2024 at 12:20 PM

To: James Hicks <hicks@natickpolice.com>, Brian Lauzon <lauzon@natickpolice.com>

Hello Chiefs,

Please see the email below from a concerned resident.

Thank you,

Lynn

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]

Date: [REDACTED]

Subject: Natick Resident - Speen Speed Issues

To: <lkelly@natickma.org>, <clerk@natickma.org>

Hi Lynn,

I live at the very end of Speen St in Natick near the Sherborn line (Speen & Kylie). Despite posted speed signs we continue to see high speed drivers. I'm wondering if it would be possible to pursue speed bumps, those signs that show the actual speed you're traveling vs. the speed limit, or other measures to decrease the speed of travel on Speen. This section is entirely residential heading into Sherborn and is quite dangerous, noisy, and the speed limit posting and signs displaying things like "children" are not having an effect on the way people are driving. I don't know how to raise this concern and who to raise it to. Where is the best place/ who is the best person to escalate this?

Appreciate you all,
Alana

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Lynn P. Kelly

Town Clerk

Justice of the Peace, Notary Public

Town of Natick

13 East Central Street

Natick, MA 01760

Office Hours:**8 - 5:00pm Mon/Tues/Wed****8 - 7:00pm Thursday****8 - 12:30pm Friday****Phone: 508-647-6432****lkelly@natickma.org****Attachment 3**